

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as shown:

Please delete paragraph [0025] and replace it with the following paragraph:

**[0025]** One embodiment of the invention comprises a peptide having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID No: 1[[a]]. The bovine derived amino acid SEQ ID No: 1[[a]] has been designated BBP, and SEQ ID No: [[1b]] 2 corresponds to the bovine nucleic acid sequence encoding BBP.

Please delete paragraph [0072] and replace it with the following paragraph:

**[0072]** Table 1. Identification of the 18.5 kD protein by MALDI/TOF mass spectroscopy and peptide fingerprinting.

<u>Expected Mass</u> <sup>a</sup>	<u>Observed Mass</u> <sup>a</sup>	<u>Peptide Sequence</u>
1526.574	1526.53	ESEADPATCDFQR * <u>(SEQ ID NO: 11)</u>
1411.600	1411.71	VNSQSLSPYLFR <u>(SEQ ID NO: 12)</u>
1291.406	1291.41	SRGEPLYEPSR <u>(SEQ ID NO: 13)</u>
1249.409	1249.48	NSYLLGLTPDR <u>(SEQ ID NO: 14)</u>
1158.363	1158.27	GYHVPVAVCR * <u>(SEQ ID NO: 15)</u>

\* modified cystein; a = peptide masses are expressed as [M + H<sup>+</sup>]